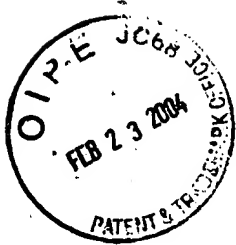


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In re Application of: James J. Frassica
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Filing Date: 09/27/2000
Title: ROTATE-TO-ADVANCE CATHETERIZATION
SYSTEM
Group Art Unit: 3763
Examiner: Manuel A. Mendez
Attorney's Docket No.: FA-70

Commissioner For Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

In the outstanding NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY mailed on 11/17/2003, item 2 states the "allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3 and 11" and the Examiner's Amendment states the "application has been amended as follows: Claims 1-3, and 11 have been cancelled."

Applicant believes that the Examiner's Amendment is incorrect inasmuch as claims 1-3 and 11 are allowed and withdrawn claims 4-10 should have been canceled. Applicant

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respectfully requests clarification concerning the canceled claims in the Examiner's Amendment.

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